



BROWNFIELDS GRANTS 2008

U.S. EPA Region 10 — Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington

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EPA Grants Available to Assess and Clean Up Contaminated Sites

Proposals for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields grants are due **October 12, 2007**. For complete information on how to apply, eligibility, and other grant requirements, view or download the *Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants* at <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm>.

What is a Brownfield?

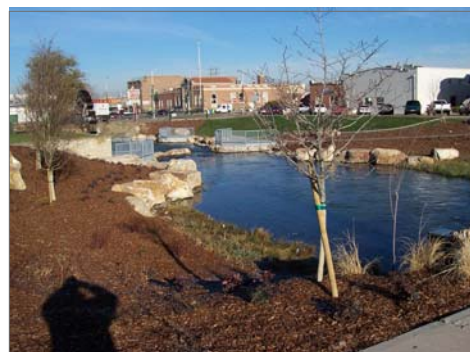
A Brownfield is any property in a rural or urban area where the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance or contaminant complicates expansion, redevelopment, or reuse. The EPA Brownfields Program was founded on the belief that cleaning up properties for reuse invigorates local economies, preserves green space, prevents sprawl, and revitalizes communities.

How are Brownfields grants used?

Brownfields grants fund assessments and cleanups. They benefit a wide range of communities as part of a package of resources for redevelopment of brownfield sites. Here are some examples of properties radically changed with the help of Brownfields grant money:

- In Portland, Oregon, a housing project replaced a blighted brownfield site with service-enriched, sustainable housing affordable to extremely low income seniors, including formerly homeless veterans.
- Assessment of petroleum-contaminated properties in downtown Caldwell, Idaho, facilitated rerouting and daylighting a creek. The project created new public greenspace and added an attractive natural amenity to the city's downtown core.
- After a brownfields cleanup the new city hall in Prineville, Oregon, was built on what had been a contaminated gas station property in the downtown core.
- In Eugene, Oregon, an abandoned gas station and dumpsite was transformed into a new biofuels station.

In 2007, EPA Region 10 received 35 competitive grant proposals for Brownfields assessment and cleanup. Of these, the EPA awarded 13 grants totaling \$2.6 million. Seven were assessment grants; six were cleanup grants.



Indian Creek sees daylight again and forms the heart of a downtown redevelopment initiative in Caldwell, Idaho.



"The Watershed" a new low-income housing development rises on a former brownfield site in the Portland, Oregon, neighborhood of Hillsdale.

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<http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/CLEANUP.NSF/sites/bf>

How can I learn more?

The EPA Region 10 Brownfields Team provides communities in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington with grant and direct technical assistance. We can also help identify other public and private resources to assist with Brownfields reuse. For competitive grants, we encourage you to review the guidelines and invite you to participate in one of the grant information sessions EPA is holding this fall. For hard-copy guidelines, see contacts on the previous page.

How can a brownfields grant benefit your community?

Brownfields grants deliver critical resources to collaborative redevelopment projects. An initial grant can help get a long-term project launched or address a targeted need in a redevelopment project that's already up and running. An assessment or cleanup grant starts the process and can be a mechanism to engage key partners and community members in revitalizing your community. The EPA Region 10 Brownfields team consults with grantees and helps develop full workplans for each project.

Who can receive a brownfields grant?

Most government bodies are eligible to apply for brownfields grants. Also, certain nonprofits may apply for cleanup grants. Potential applicants include:

- State, county, city and other local governments
- Federally recognized Tribes in Idaho, Oregon and Washington
- Alaskan Native Regional Corporations, Alaskan Native Village Corporations, and the Metlakatla Indian Community
- Government entities created by a state legislature
- School districts
- Redevelopment agencies
- Regional councils or other groups of local government entities

Private entities and individuals are not eligible to receive grant money directly from EPA, but they can apply for loans from revolving loan funds capitalized by EPA.

What kinds of grants are available and what are the grant proposal requirements?

Grant Program Description	Grant Proposal Requirements
<p>Assessment grants provide funding for brownfield site inventory, characterization, and assessment, as well as, cleanup and redevelopment planning, and community involvement.</p>	<p>Number/Type of Proposals: Applicant may submit up to two assessment proposals. These may be community wide and/or site specific. Applicant is limited to only one proposal for hazardous substance assessment and one for petroleum assessment.</p> <p>Funding: Up to \$200,000 per proposal. An applicant may seek a waiver of that limit for site-specific assessments and request up to \$350,000 for a single site.</p> <p>Performance Period: Up to 3 years.</p>
<p>Cleanup grants provide funding for brownfield site activities, including: cleanup planning, remediation, and public involvement activities.</p>	<p>Number/Type of Proposals: Applicant may submit proposals for cleanup of up to three sites and must submit a separate proposal for each site. Funds may be used to clean up sites contaminated by petroleum and hazardous substances or contaminants.</p> <p>Funding: Up to \$200,000 per proposal with a required 20% cost share. A waiver of the cost share may be requested based on hardship.</p> <p>Property Ownership: Applicant must be the sole owner of the property by June 30, 2008 in order to receive funding.</p> <p>Performance Period: Up to 3 years.</p>
<p>Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) grants provide funding for a grant recipient to capitalize and manage a revolving loan fund. Both loans and subgrants are provided to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites.</p>	<p>Number/Type of Proposals: Applicant may submit one proposal. Funds may be used to clean up sites contaminated by petroleum, hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants. Proposals may be submitted by "coalitions," or groups of eligible entities, to pool their revolving loan fund capitalization grant funds.</p> <p>Funding: Up to \$1,000,000 per eligible entity. A 20% cost share is required. A waiver of the cost share may be requested based on hardship.</p> <p>Performance Period: Up to 5 years.</p>

For complete information, visit <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm>



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